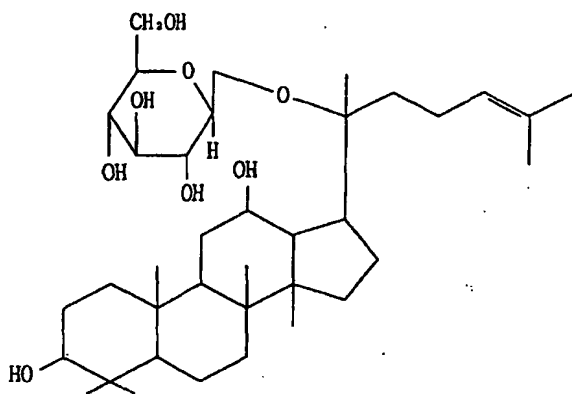


CLAIMS

1. A promoter for the production of hyaluronic acid containing compound K (20-O- β -D-glucopyranosyl-20(S)-protopanaxadiol) represented by the following formula 1 as an effective ingredient :

[Formula 1]



2. The promoter according to Claim 1, wherein said compound K promotes the production of hyaluronic acid by increasing the expression of hyaluronic acid synthase gene.
3. An anti-osteoarthritis agent containing the promoter for the production of hyaluronic acid according to Claim 1.
4. An anti-aging agent containing the promoter for the production of hyaluronic acid according to Claim 1.